



ROYALTY TAKES A BREAK: Britain's Princess Anne, second from left, daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, is unnoticed by Christmas shopping crowds as she strolls along Oxford Street in London today. She was taking her lunch break from her six-week crash course in French at a language school in Oxford Street. Others are unidentified. (AP Wirephoto)

Heavy Snow Warning Follows Windy Attack Power Outages Reported

Winds with velocity of 40 to 60 miles per hour early this morning left parts of St. Joseph without electric power for an hour and part of Lake Michigan Beach and Riverside road without power for 40 minutes.

The U.S. Weather bureau warned of more severe weather on the way by predicting up to five inches of snow for southwestern Michigan. Continuance of stiff winds was expected with temperatures dipping to 18 to 22.

South Viet Team Due In Paris

Big Reception Planned Sunday

PARIS (AP) — South Vietnamese officials said today their entire peace conference delegation including Vice President Nguyen Cao Ky will arrive in Paris Sunday.

Officials of South Vietnam's diplomatic mission prepared a big-scale reception for Ky and his team at Orly Airport. The French government prepared massive security precautions.

Ky's decision to accompany Ambassador Pham Dang Lam, who will head the delegation at the conference table, was a sudden change of plans. He had intended following Lam by about one week.

PARLEY EXPANDED
The arrival of South Vietnamese team will clear the way for the start of the expanded peace parley. But it is expected to bog down in procedural disputes as soon as it starts.

Ky will be South Vietnam's chief strategist for the conference. Officially he is being described as an adviser, but in fact he will carry the authority of the Saigon government to mastermind the presentation of his country's case.

Soon after he and Lam get to Paris they are expected to meet with Ambassador W. Averell Harriman and Cyrus R. Vance, who lead the U.S. delegation.

The Americans are to consult with the South Vietnamese on arrangements under discussion for the formal talks in which North Vietnam and the Viet Cong's National Liberation Front will join. Vance already has met twice this week with the deputy chief of North Vietnam's delegation, Col. Ha Van Lau, to discuss arrangements for getting the peace talks rolling.

Still time for Xmas Portraits. Hassler's Studio, 429-3863. Adv.

Approximately 25 per cent of residential St. Joseph was without power this morning when a television antenna blew over on a power line on Myrtle avenue, according to I&M Administrative Assistant Charles Priebe.

Priebe said the antenna severed a power line. The power failure occurred at 2:07 a.m., he said, and was put back into service at 3 a.m. Residential areas serviced by the Langley avenue sub-station were the only ones affected.

The power failure in the Lake Michigan Beach area occurred about 5:40 a.m. today and lasted until 6:20 a.m. Priebe said something apparently was blown across the wires. No wires were burned, he said, but it caused the station to lockout.

The power and telephone service was out for about a half hour in Vandalla, Cass county, this morning, also.

This morning's windy prelude to more wind and colder weather later today, left streets throughout the Twin Cities area scattered with paper, branches and rolling trash cans.

The U.S. Coast Guard station in St. Joseph reported the wind was a steady 42 miles per hour for part of the night, with gusts raising the velocity to 55 and 60 miles per hour. The velocity

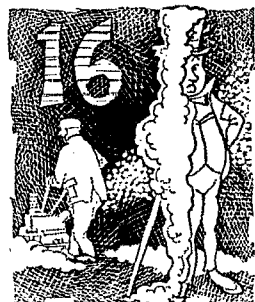
had dropped to about 15 miles per hour at dawn.

Some trees and Christmas decorations throughout the county were also reported to be blown down by the wind. A car was hit by a tree at Three Oaks and another was scraped by a tree at Barron Lake, Niles state police reported.

State police said wind gusts overturned a semi-trailer truck on I-196 south of South Haven. The rest of the state also was belted by wind and northern areas received up to five inches of snow which drifted and blocked highways in the Upper Peninsula. Traverse City and Grand Rapids each reported four inches.

Captain's Table, Diffenderfer's Trio featuring Ray Norberg, Fri. 9-1. Adv.

Fruit filled Danish coffee cakes. Spec. 69c. Eitel's Bakery. Adv.



**SHOPPING DAYS
'TIL CHRISTMAS**

Unionizing On Farms Main Topic Fruit Growers Hit Boycott

By ALAN AREND
Staff Writer

GRAND RAPIDS — The Michigan State Horticultural Society in resolution yesterday went on record in opposition to all "illegal and coercive tactics to force farm-laborers to join unions against their wishes and deprive growers of their rights to harvest and market their crops."

The resolution was brought on by the grape boycott which started early this year in California and which was headed by the AFL-CIO's United Farm Workers organization.

If the grape boycott succeeds it may spread throughout the nation in an attempt by the union to organize all farm workers, growers believe.

The resolution went on to say that similar boycotts of other agricultural commodities could cause financial ruin to growers and distress to consumers.

NYK SPEAKS

"The danger is simple enough—imagine the plight of the grower and consumer when it comes to harvest time and all his workers go on strike," Harry Nye, a fruit grower from St. Joseph township, said. "A family that wants to work can earn decent wages during the harvest season. Imagine the unions controlling the food that we eat every day."

The threat of a unionized farm labor force continued to be one of the main topics on growers' minds as they met for the second day of the 98th annual Horticultural Convention at the Civic Auditorium in Grand Rapids.

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stepped out of a car parked near the on-post demonstration when he was taken into custody.

TOLD TO DISPERSE

Army Lt. Jack Allday, public information officer at the fort, said the demonstrators had been told to disperse and report back to their units for morning roll call. The order, said Allday, was given minutes before Wilburn was arrested.

Wilburn who volunteered for duty in 1966, is charged with disobeying the dispersal order. Under general court martial procedures, if convicted, he could be given a dishonorable discharge.

Wilburn is one of 42 men charged as a result of the demonstration. Sparked by a rumor that they were to be sent to Chicago for duty at the Democratic convention.

Allday said so far 10 have been acquitted and 23 found guilty. Eight await trial.

The officer said Wilburn's trial began Wednesday morning and would conclude today after final arguments by attorneys for both sides.

Wilburn is represented by Attorney Frederick Cohn of New York and an Army attorney. Cohn was acquired through the Emergency Civil Liberties committee, a New York based organization, according to Allday.

WON BRONZE STAR

Wilburn received the Bronze Star while serving with the American Division at Chu Lai, Vietnam. The award, said Allday, was for his action when his compound came under an enemy mortar attack. He had arrived at Ft. Hood from Vietnam just a few days before the demonstration.

According to Allday, the demonstration was peaceful and orderly and occurred in a park on the base. He said the men gathered in the park the night of Aug. 23 and remained there until 6 a.m. Aug. 24. The orders to disperse were issued, he said, so the men could report back to their units in time for morning roll call.

When the men did not disperse, Allday said the military police moved in and began making arrests.

Wilburn, who is to be dis-

BH GI Here Waits Army Court Verdict

Trial At Ft. Hood, Tex.

By TOM BRUNDRETT
Staff Writer

FT. HOOD, Tex. — A Benton Harbor serviceman, decorated for bravery in Vietnam combat, today awaits a military court verdict on a charge stemming from an August demonstration here.

Army Spec. 4 Charles Wilburn, 22, son of Mrs. Lillie M. Wilburn, 321 South Crystal avenue, testified Wednesday that he did not knowingly disobey an order given to the soldiers taking part in the demonstration.

He told the general court martial board of six officers that he had just awakened and

charged after his three-year tour in February, is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry, 2nd Armored Division, headquartered at the fort.

Wilburn attended Benton Harbor High School before enlisting and was a member of the basketball squad.



CHARLES WILBURN
Awaits Verdict

\$25 Million Sought For Projects

Bob Hope Will Kick Off Drive On TV Tonight

NEW YORK (AP) — A business executive whose wife was slain last year plans a nationwide war on crime by mobilizing a minimum of 10 million Americans.

H. Bruce Palmer, 60, president of the National Industrial Conference Board, Wednesday announced formation of Citizens for Justice with Order, adding: "It took a personal tragedy in my life to motivate me to try to do something about crime."

Palmer's wife, Dorothy, 57, was stabbed to death Sept. 29, 1967, in their New Vernon, N.J. home. Frederick B. Thompson 36, who worked as a tree trimmer on the Palmer estate, was arrested in Chicago about a month later. He was convicted of murder last Nov. 21 and sentenced to death.

TV KICKOFF

The new organization hopes to raise \$25 million in its first drive, with comedian Bob Hope, honorary national chairman, kicking off the campaign on national television tonight.

Palmer said his group already has compiled a list of more than 200 projects in which communities and individuals can take part.

"They range from improvement of street lighting to court-watching, from block mothers to criminology scholarships, from community business protection to youngsters on probation," he said.

"What we're going to do is program for citizen action," Palmer continued. "I think we are seeing a total breakdown in our society. The people are frightened and frustrated."

"The response to this fear can be constructive or destructive—and we want to avoid vigilante type efforts."

Plans of the new group call for improved training programs for convicted criminals and juvenile delinquents, he said, with separate task forces on higher education, the clergy, television, newspapers, youth and minority groups.

The group's prospectus said in part: "It is the intention of Citizens for Justice with Order to remind the people of America of their responsibility for its conduct and to encourage them to actively become involved in assisting law enforcement personnel."

The prospectus also included a listing of the 185 recommendations of the President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice.

Palmer said he also hoped for contributions from foundations and corporations but that he expected individual contributors to be the prime source of funds.

Hope will appear on behalf of the campaign at the end of the "Dragnet" TV show of the National Broadcasting Co. Also appearing, Palmer said, will be Dr. Milton Eisenhower, chairman of the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence.

Wilson's Bakery Weekend Specials! Assorted cream pies, 65c. Danish pecan coffee cake. 69c. Adv.

They Live Up To Trademark

Service is the trademark in today's Good Fellow report with two service organizations boosting the fund by \$15 each to a total

We are slightly ahead of last year but instead of looking to past successes the important thing now is to push for a successful drive this year.

The official goal is \$3,500. But last year between the early gifts and the Lions' Newsie sale a grand total of \$5,017 was raised — all of which went to brighten Christmas for hundreds of people from tiny tots to lonely great grandmas.

DRIVERS KNOW

The Producers Creamery drivers, who know a lot about service, hauled in \$15 today. The Good Fellow stop is an annual one for the drivers and they manage to make it about the same time every year. Their gift was delivered at the same time last year.

The Women's Service League is a long-time Good Fellow not only at Christmas when they annually send in a gift like the \$15 received today but at other times in the year too. Service is their middle name.

The League makes giving a lot of fun. Their annual charity ball is one of the highlights of the Christmas social season. The term "Christmas season" means many things to many people. But to the youngster, caught up with the decorations, the Christmas plays, appearances by Santa and the lively music the whole world is wonderful and the most wonderful time of all is Christmas morning.

Good Fellows are the ones who, through their donations, keep this miracle alive.

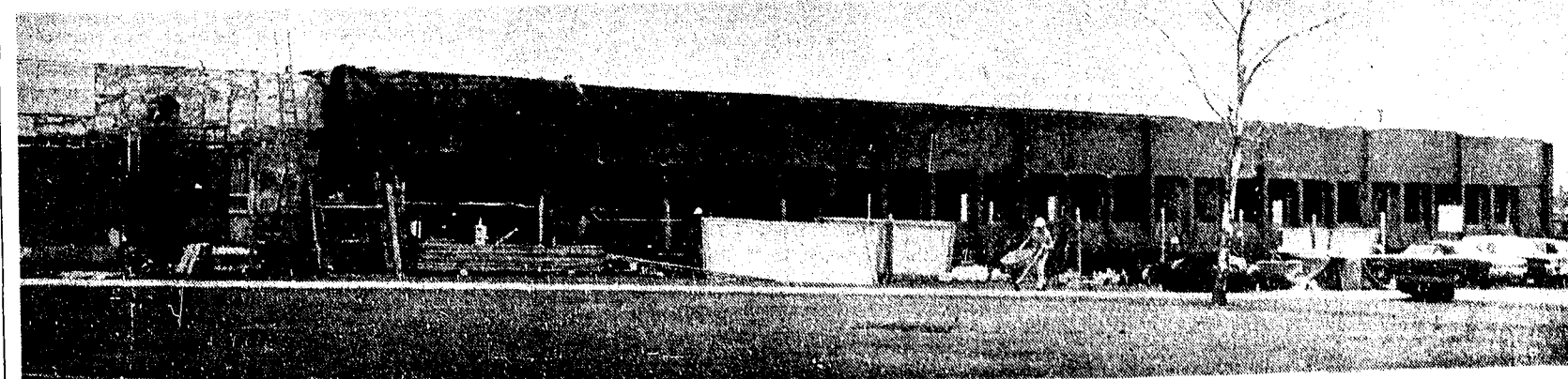
Here is the list of Good Fellows to date:

Spirit of Christmas \$ 5.00
Holiday Football 65.00
wagers 10.00
Sanitary Cleaners 10.00
Friendly Dentist (football bet) 1.00
Kathy Kemp's Continental Beauty Salon 10.00
U of M (WJB) vs. MSU (WBL) 10.00
Tosi's cooks

THE HERALD-PRESS GOODFELLOW FUND



(U.M. vs. Minn.) 10.00
Killian and Kovtan bet 10.00
Beseda Club, Stevensville 5.00
Frank Bard, Union Pier 10.00
David Bard, Union Pier 10.00
Twin Cities Area Newcomers club 10.00
Illinois—U of M bet 5.00
Girl Friend of Good Fellows 10.00
Members of World War II Victory Chapter Unit 1 5.00
In Memory of Craig Wenzlaff 5.00
Ohio State-Michigan bet 15.00
Robert L. Findling, rector 10.00
The Herald-Press St. Joseph lodge, BPOE No. 541 100.00
Blossomland Auxiliary 5.00
UAW Local No. 793 25.00
Grandma Fashey and her grandchildren 10.00
Kell Wilson 10.00
Troost Brothers 20.00
City Hall Denizen 10.00
Twin City Drum and Bugle Corps 10.00
Teachers of St. Joseph Public schools 100.00
For Seven Grandchildren 7.00
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NEW WING AT HEATH: Pearson Construction Co. workmen have completed enclosing new 14,600 square foot office wing addition to the Heath Co., Hilltop road in south St. Joseph. The new offices

are the first to be added since the original building was constructed in the 1950's. Cost of the new addition is about \$160,000 according to building permit issued by city of St. Joseph. Additional of-

fice space will permit expansion of display room for Heath Electronic kits. Heath earlier this year completed \$1 million expansion of its warehouse and production facilities. (Staff photo)

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THE HERALD-PRESS

Editorial Page

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Bert Lindenfeld, Managing Editor

Private Colleges Walk Rocky Financial Road

A financial bind in the private sector of higher education threatens to narrow traditional distinctions between private and public institutions and, perhaps, to eliminate many private colleges entirely. Leaders generally agree that such an eventuality would mean a tragic loss of diversity and enterprise in American education.

The great hope to avoid this is for more federal aid to be made available to higher education in general. In particular, educators want something new in federal aid: "unrestricted" grants to the colleges and universities. This means money with no strings attached—money that each school would use as it saw fit to maintain or better its educational program.

Though billions of federal tax money have flowed to the nation's colleges and universities over recent years (the current flow is around \$4 billion a year) the money has come in chunks tagged for particular purposes: for contract research, for fellowship stipends, for facilities construction, etc. What the college heads want now (in addition to existing categorical grants) is new money to be used simply to meet the rising costs of day-by-day operation.

Financial difficulties afflict both public and private colleges and universities. The heads of institutions in both columns are together in looking to Washington for help. Representatives of seven such associations, representing virtually the entire higher education enterprise in the nation, issued on Nov. 12 the latest of a series of calls for new federal grants to avoid "an impending disaster."

The private institutions' situation, however, is more precarious than the public because their sources of income are less secure. State governments never would permit their great universities to founder for lack of funds. The private institutions, however, receive the merest trickle from state and local tax funds. They are dependent largely on charges to students and on voluntary contributions, including income from endowments built up by previous giving.

Inflation has reduced the purchasing power of endowment

income. And tuition has already been raised so high many private colleges and universities are afraid they will be pricing their product beyond the reach of their major market—the bright student of moderate means. Basic charges to students (tuition, other fees, room-board) now average \$2,382 a year at private, \$1,155 at public institutions. But the better-known private institutions charge well above the average.

A recent Emory University survey of more than 500 college and university presidents pointed up the dilemma. With rare exceptions the presidents agreed that "the money is not now in sight to meet the rising costs. . . (and) to serve the growing numbers of bright qualified students."

A curious feature of financial crisis in higher education is that it has occurred in a period of great outpouring of public and private funds. The federal contribution alone has increased five-fold over the past decade. Federal money now supplies around 30 per cent of the private institutions' budgets.

Voluntary giving also spurred upward and the private institutions were the chief beneficiary. The latest annual tally by the Council for Financial Aid to Education indicates more than \$1.5 billion was given voluntarily in 1966-67, of which 70 per cent went to the private institutions. Moreover, special fund drives of major private institutions are becoming more ambitious in goal and more aggressive in technique.

The very success of the recent pitches for new money raises questions as to whether the level of private contribution can be maintained or enlarged to meet future growth of educational needs. And if the private institutions, with all their millions, are still forced to beg for bread from the federal table, what then becomes of their boast of being private, that is, independent of government and political pressures? This is a question which bothers many private college heads as they watch costs—professors' salaries, laboratory facilities, library acquisitions, even the price of electric light bulbs—go up and up.

Prisoners' 'Rights'

Is the pendulum swinging too far in favor of prison inmates? A century ago prisoners were considered to have no rights except those granted by the institution's superintendent. The most generally accepted rule was that handed down by the Virginia supreme court in 1871, which said:

"A convicted felon . . . is in a state of penal servitude. He has forfeited all his personal rights."

In 1941, the Supreme Court ruled that convicts have a right to petition the courts to review their cases. For 20 years, the new concept was one in which convicts held the "retained rights" of the Constitution, providing they did not interfere with prison discipline.

Then, in 1961, courts began to grant more specific rights to prisoners. It started with the right to hold religious services, then the right of a prisoner to write to his girl friend, to subscribe to correspondence courses, to buy certain articles by mail, and to receive adequate medical care.

The Supreme Court ruled, in March of this year, that prison-

ers had the right to be confined in integrated cells.

Now there are two more test cases before the courts which could open the doors to freedom within prison even wider. The one involves the right of a prisoner to advise fellow convicts of their constitutional rights. The other involves two Illinois prisoners who were denied absentee ballots.

Prison officials obviously are holding their breath in anticipation of the court's rulings in these two cases. Should the prisoners' pleas in these cases be upheld, a spate of pleas for similar rights can be expected.

Keep The Kids Thinking Hard

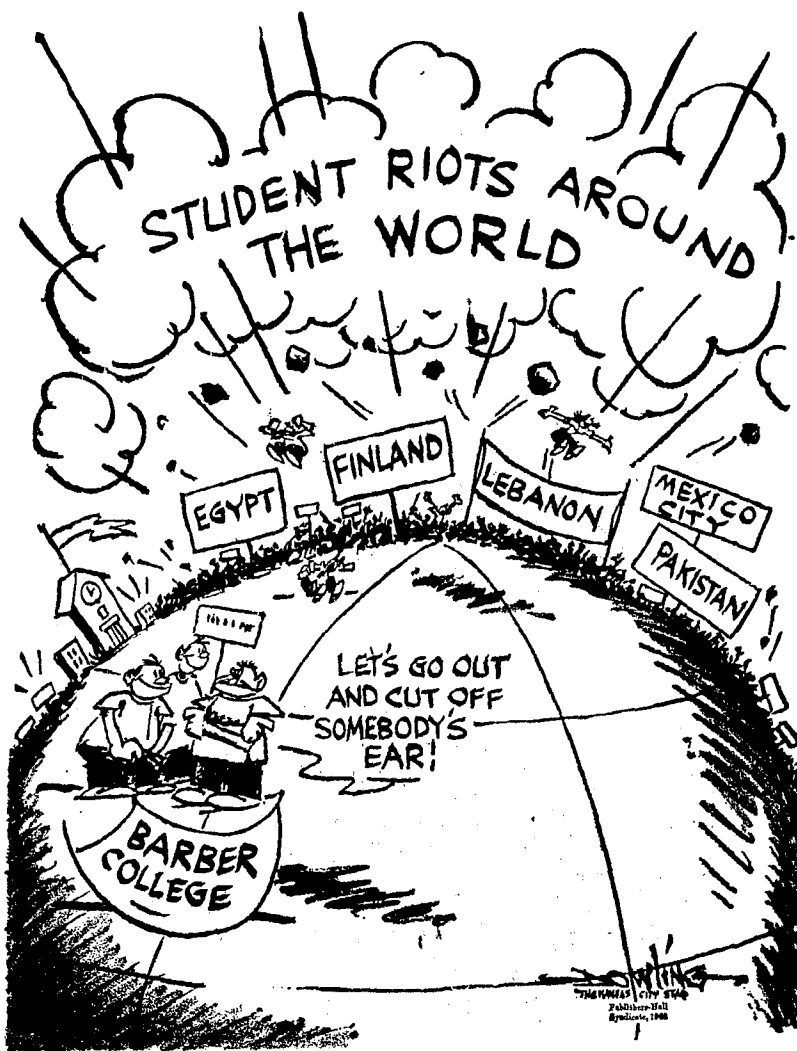
Not long ago it was commonly accepted that the intelligence level of an individual was fixed for life at birth. Training and discipline could use it to the fullest extent, it was thought, but nothing would change his innate IQ.

In recent months, researchers have been spending more time studying intellectual capabilities and have observed that a person's IQ is not fixed and can be changed, for better or worse, especially in the early years. A dull or stimulating environment in the early years can make all the difference.

Encourage a child to explore, try, experiment and learn and those will become lifetime habits.

An astronaut's muscles remain in a relaxed or "floating" position, no matter whether he sits or stands in space during weightless flight, National Geographic reports in its new book, Man's Conquest of Space.

The Thundering Herd



GLANCING BACKWARDS

STATE TO STUDY TC BRIDGE NEEDS

—1 Year Ago—
City commissions of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor received assurances that the State Highway department will at least study their request for new bridge construction in the Twin Cities.

St. Joseph Mayor W. H. (Duke) Ehrenberg reported on a mission to Lansing by him and City Manager Leland L. Hill to confer with H. E. Stafseth, acting director on widening the Wayne street bridge over the Morrison channel.

MOE SANTA ON ARRIVAL

—10 Years Ago—
Santa Claus is back in town and from the reception he received at Lake Front park, Lake boulevard and Pleasant street, every child knows about it.

When Santa came riding up the curb in a bright red fire engine which was matching its siren with that of a police escort, about 1,500 children were on hand to greet him.

STALIN LAUDS WAR PRODUCTION

—25 Years Ago—
Premier Stalin solemnly got to his feet one night at a dinner attended by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill. He looked soberly about him at the assembled military and diplomatic leaders of the United States, Great Britain, and Russia, and lifted his

glass to American war production.

"Without American production the United Nations could never have won the war," the Soviet leader was reported to have declared. The response to Stalin's unexpected gesture was terrific.

OFFICE MOVES

—35 Years Ago—
The St. Joseph branch of the Berrien county welfare commission has moved into its headquarters in the Elks Temple building. The store space is donated by the St. Joseph Elks lodge as in the past two years.

FIRST TO PAY

—45 Years Ago—
Mrs. Frank Cerny of State street was the first resident of the city of St. Joseph to pay her winter taxes, according to City Treasurer Theodore Krieger.

TO BRIDGMAN

—55 Years Ago—
Max Voelske went to Bridgman this morning to spend the weekend.

BOX SOCIAL

The Good Templars will hold a box social in Odd Fellow hall to which everyone is cordially invited.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

NEWSPAPER IS COMPLEX INDUSTRY

There are many types of industries that are perplexing and confusing to the novice who perceives may tour them as a visitor, but from my own experience I know of none that fascinates the onlooker more than the printed news media whether large or small. To follow through the maze of details from the receipt of a news item or advertisement to the moment it is picked up by the reader is tantamount to

following a dictionary and interpreting word for word.

I believe the newspaper business of today is an industry that would be difficult to televise, for the ramifications are indescribable. One must see the press to believe its potential.

The newspaper business is perhaps the only up-to-the-minute industrial service in the world; like the time and tide it waits for no man. The so-called deadline in many industries depends largely upon factors associated with flexible rules and regulations, but the newspaper meets the deadline head-on and that's it. The time element is its lifeline.

Were it possible for every citizen, especially the youth, to make a complete tour of a newspaper plant, America would step so far ahead of the world of nations as to be phenomenal. For so many sciences are involved in the printed page, and more especially in the United States, where the one thousand and one features making up a democracy must be put through a mill of complex situations in split seconds. There is little if any time for errors, or allowance for equasion of error.

Accurate decisions, well-timed are supported by all involved in the regular schedule of getting the newspaper on the street, in the proper place and at the allotted time. However, that's only the beginning of the long and useful life of the daily paper, for its varied uses could never be accurately listed. Once a big tree in the great forest, it continues on to meet the many needs of mankind.

Visit the newspaper plant and let the unconscious mind soak in all the details so that the next time the reader lines his garbage can with the newspaper, he will have utilized the most expensive garbage container in the world.

WILLIAM A. RODGERS
Bridgman

Editor,
The Herald-Press.

WRITER SEES CURE FOR CANCER SOON

Never will I forget the morning I happened to be enroute from the East! I stopped for the night in a hotel in Pittsburgh, Pa. The next morning I woke to a city and country and world full of rejoicing—bells ringing, people singing and laughing. The newspaper at my door had screaming headlines: "Dr. Salk discovers a serum to prevent

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DR. COLEMAN

... And Speaking Of Your Health

I have found no answer to my problem in any of the books I read. I have a horrible fear of storms and become deadly sick to my stomach while my heart pounds and I feel dizzy and depressed. I have taken all kinds of tranquilizers but none of them has helped me. Is there anything else I can do to prevent the feeling that I will have a heart attack during one of these storms. Please don't use my name or my initials.

Dr. L. L. C.,
New York
Dear Dr. C.:
You notice, of course, that I am using my own initials and addressing my answer to you as if it truly involved me. I hope I can impress on you that I would try to handle my problem differently than you have. Books contain many answers for many people, but somehow never contain the right answer for the person who is as distressed as you are. In fact, I have found that people who are anxious, frequently find more reasons for their anxieties when they read of the psychological problems of other people. Another man's fear does not necessarily alleviate your own because you have company.

The symptoms you describe are typical of those that anyone experiences with uncontrolled fear. You ask what else you can do beside tranquilizers to help you. Actually the one thing you can do is the one that you have not done. You are afraid to reveal your identity even through your initials for fear you will be recognized and because you feel it is a shame to have such a problem. Let me assure you that it is not a shame to be afraid. It is only a shame to waste happy years of your life because you are afraid to speak about your problem to your own doctor, your own psychologist or to your own

religious advisor.

Therein lies "the else" that you should do. Speak about your problem, your fears and your anxieties to your doctor. Undoubtedly you will find that there are other fears besides storms that distress you. Talking about it and bringing it out in the open is the first step in the direction of good emotional health. Take that giant step with your doctor's help. If he feels that you need the help of a specialist he will refer you to one. I promise you that one day you will write me and ask me to use your initials when you feel better.

My husband has been placed on a low protein diet. Can you suggest where I might find such a diet and one that will be tasty for him?

Mrs. M.C.F., New York
Dear Mrs. F.: Low protein diets are available and are usually given to patients by the doctors who suggest them. There are many medical reasons, especially associated with kidney disorders, for which protein free and protein low diets are suggested. These are too important diseases to be casually treated by haphazard diets.

In general, these diets are aimed at reducing the formation of urea, potassium and other chemicals. There can be no casual diet suggestions taken from anyone other than your physician who knows the problem, the special needs of the patient and how long the diet should be maintained.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Protective sheaths on kitchen knives avoid painful cuts.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER

Contract Bridge

North dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q1063
♥ AKQ98
♦ 64
♣ A2

WEST EAST
♠ 8 ♠ 4
♥ 2 ♥ J10754
♦ 1098732 ♦ AKQJ
♣ J7853 ♣ K108

SOUTH
♠ AKJ9752
♥ 63
♦ 5
♣ Q94

The bidding:
North East South West
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass
2♠ Pass 6♣

Opening lead—ten of diamonds.

One of the great fascinations of duplicate bridge is the opportunity it presents to compare your own results with the results obtained by other pairs who have played the same hands.

This deal occurred in a duplicate tournament and was played at 13 tables. Most of the North-South pairs arrived at a sound contract of six spades, but, in every case except one, failed by a trick.

Those pairs who stopped at four spades were far better off, since they wound up making five for a score of 650 points.

The play generally started with a diamond lead and continuation, South ruffing the

second one. After drawing a round of trumps, declarer cashed the A-K-Q of hearts, discarding a club, but could not establish an extra heart trick because of the unlucky 5-1 break. As a result, the contract went down one.

The lone declarer who succeeded in making the slam realized that the contract was a certainty if the hearts were divided 4-2 or 3-3, but that he could go down if they were divided 5-1.

He therefore took special precautions to guard against a 5-1 division. After ruffing a diamond at trick two, declarer cashed five trumps to produce this position:

North
♠ AKQ98
♥ A
♦ Immateral
♣ J10754
South
♠ 7
♥ 63
♦ Q94
♣ K10

East had to make a discard at this point. He could not afford a heart, which would permit declarer to ruff one of dummy's hearts and thus make the slam. So he discarded the ten of clubs, hoping West had the queen.

South now cashed the A-K-Q of hearts, and then, observing the futility of ruffing a heart, cashed the ace of clubs and caught the king.

Finis.

BENNET CERF

Try And Stop Me

For a fat man, or for one with very long legs, getting into or out of one of those compact taxicabs now helping to snarl up New York traffic is a difficult and sometimes painful operation. Monologist Jack Leonard, who is fatter than most, found it particularly hard to squeeze into one of the infernal contraptions recently. Once cramped inside, he was asked by the driver, "Where to?" Leonard answered, "Drive me to a bigger cab."

Ring Lardner wrote wonderful stories, but did not always shine as a conversationalist. He'd sit through a whole noisy party on occasion without saying a word.

One night he rang the bell of a friend in Long Island at three a.m., but upon being admitted, sank into a chair without speaking a syllable. The friend knew his ways and left him there until morning. "Hi," he greeted Lardner on his way to bringing in the morning newspaper. "I don't want to seem rude," Lardner spoke up at last, "but don't you ever intend

to go home?"

WEBSTER DEFINED
EXPECTANT MOTHER—
MOMMOON.

FRUSTRATION—Nixed emotions.

MEMORY—That despairing feeling that comes over you when you listen to a friend murder your favorite story.

RICH UNCLE—The kin you love to touch.

T EETOTALER—An official golf scorer.



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LAKESHORE AREA WANTS SHOPPING CENTER

Transit Directory Published

Boosts Pipestone Industrial Park

Officials of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday presented a directory of transportation and out-lined developments in the Pipe-stone Industrial district project at a luncheon for transportation firm executives.

The directory was described as the first of its kind in the western Michigan area.

Roger Curry, executive vice-president of the Chamber, announced that the Twin Cities Area Development Corp., overseer of the industrial park project, has decided to complete the engineering plan for the 522-acre development. It will include contour maps, soil borings, road plans, sewer and water systems.

The new directory outlines the status of transportation in the area and details its potential. According to the data, Berrien county is ranked sixth in the state as far as trucking transportation is concerned. It employed 8,752 persons in 1967.

Robert Wolfe, of the Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co., explained the directory during the session in the St. Joseph Elks Club. About 40 persons attended.

The directory joins a list of information booklets and brochures prepared to boost the area and the industrial park project.

The transportation committee which prepared the new directory is made up of Wolfe, chairman Louis Stryker, Quality Packaging Products; E. E. Dwan, Pet Inc.; Musselman Division; C.E. Sink, V.M. Corp., and James Creeden, Whirlpool Corp.



EXAMINE NEW DIRECTORY: Officials of area transportation industries receive a new transportation directory developed by the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce for promotion of the Pipe-stone Industrial district. The directory was unveiled Wednesday at a luncheon in the St. Joseph

Elks Club. Left to right are Hugh A. Henry, North Central Airlines, Inc.; Robert Wolfe, Auto Specialties Manufacturing Co.; Eugene S. Cramer, Time Airlines, Inc.; Phillip Ganz, Ganz Transfer and Storage and G. D. Land, Transamerica Nationwide Freight Lines Inc.

According To Survey By Jaycees

Better Police, Fire Protection Also Favored

The majority of Lakeshore area residents responding to a survey indicated a need for a shopping center and support for improved police and fire protection.

Lakeshore Jaycees conducted the survey which included 1,500 forms sent to area homes. Of these, it was reported that about one out of seven, or slightly more than 200, were returned.

Jaycees reported that 72 per cent of residents returning survey forms indicated support for more police and fire protection and park development, even though it meant more taxes.

A shopping center was favored by 76 per cent, while 72 per cent supported a public sanitary sewage system and public garbage and trash collection and 71 per cent favored a teen center.

Of those returning forms, 63 per cent were from Lincoln township, 10 per cent from Stevensville village, 14 per cent from St. Joseph township, eight per cent from Baroda village and township and five per cent from Royalton township.

The Jaycees reported their findings this week and stated that results have been submitted to the various village and township officials to serve as possible guidelines for future action.

The survey consisted of sections on public facilities, recreational opportunities, employment opportunities and special area problems.

While no geographical breakdown was made on the support for improved police and fire departments and parks, a one mill proposal to bolster these areas was defeated Nov. 5 by Lincoln township residents.

Lincoln township voters Nov. 5 also overruled their township board which had rezoned from residential to commercial-planned development a small section of Grand Mere at the I-94 Stevensville interchange. The land remains residential.

SURVEY ANSWERS

Some of the other survey answers were reported as follows:

Fifty-six per cent indicated gas pressure for cooking and heating was good or excellent; coverage of local news was rated average by 39 per cent and above average by 43 per cent; medical, dental, hospital and ambulance services were rated average by 31 per cent and below average or poor by 36 per cent; and public transportation inside the community and to other communities from the Lakeshore area was rated as below average or poor by over 52 per cent.

Nearly half indicated that traffic signals and signs, railroad crossings and street maintenance were good to excellent, while another 33 per cent listed these as at least average.

As to recreational opportunities, 60 per cent felt that opportunities are limited and rated them below or just average. Meeting places for teenagers were rated as average by 28 per cent and below average by 31 per cent.

Employment opportunities were rated average by 30 per cent. For those under 18 or over 65, only 14 per cent indicated that opportunities were above average.

Persons 18 through 64 included



LAKESHORE SURVEY: Steve Bennett (left) a Lakeshore Jaycee hands Lincoln Township Supervisor Harry Gast, Jr., results of Jaycee-sponsored survey on various aspects of life and needs in Lakeshore area. About 200 of 1,500 forms sent to homes were returned. Support from respondents included improved police and fire protection and park development. (Betty Goetz photo)

'AND MAIL EARLY!'

BH Postmaster Tells Hours For Yule Rush

Benton Harbor Postmaster James O. Bowen today announced hours for stamp and parcel post windows at his office during the Christmas mailing rush.

Saturday service will be extended Dec. 7 and 14 with hours of 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. The regular schedule will be observed Saturday, Dec. 21, 8 a. m. to noon.

Weekday service will not be extended. It remains 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Bowen said the Benton Harbor office has a limited supply of Christmas six-cent stamps. When the stock is exhausted, it will not be replenished.

Services also are available at branch offices—Woolworth's, Fairplain Plaza, and Gelder's store, Millburg. Bowen also had the holiday reminder of mail early to avoid lines and use Zip Codes to expedite delivery.

Keith Hunt 'Y' Youth Of Month



KEITH HUNT

Keith Douglas Hunt of 1765 Plympton avenue, Benton township, has been selected as the "YMCA Youth of the Month" for November, according to Don Boggs, Youth director of the Twin City "Y."

Keith was chosen for his record as an outstanding assistant leader in the Gray-Y club at Seely McCord school in 1967-68. He also has contributed six hours each Saturday during the winter and spring months assisting in the Community Branch YMCA Gray-Y intramural sports program.

Ron Inman, branch program director, said: "Keith's leadership skills have benefited many other youths."

ed 54 per cent who listed employment opportunities average or above.

Besides percentages cited on various subjects were the remainder who indicated not enough knowledge on the subject.

HOSPITALIZED

BLOOMINGDALE — Mrs. Hyman Shaw is a patient at the Allegan Health Center, where she is under observation and having tests.

SAFETY COUNCIL

Speaker Ill So Dinner Is Canceled

The 19th annual meeting of the Twin Cities Area Safety Council, scheduled for tonight at Statler-Hilton inn, has been postponed until mid-January. President Robert Primley announced Wednesday.

Miss Genevieve Hazzard, a Detroit advertising executive, who was scheduled to speak, has taken ill. A new date for the meeting will be announced later.

North Lincoln Will Show New Library

Open house for the new library at North Lincoln school will precede the 7 p.m. meeting of the St. Joseph board of education Monday, Dec. 9.

This regular meeting of the board will be held in the library.

Officials Review Plan Grant

Benton Harbor and Benton township officials yesterday met with a field representative of the Model Cities division of the department of Housing and Urban Development "to go over the terms" of the city and township's recent model cities planning grant.

Benton Harbor city manager Don Stewart said afterwards that the meeting, which included an extensive tour of the project area, gave HUD's representative, Kent Fuller, an opportunity to "familiarize himself with the site."

"We just went over the content of the grant, clarifying what was in it," Stewart said.

"We did decide that a meeting should be held as soon as possible between the governing bodies of the city and township to review the contract application."

"After all, there has been quite a time lag between the original application and now. Perhaps they might want to revise things before actually signing the contract with HUD. In any event they should be refreshed as to what the application says."

Stewart said that he has not had an opportunity to talk with everyone involved, but he predicted the meeting would probably be held sometime next week.

He said that he was informed by Fuller that an authorization can be expected shortly from the federal government permitting the city and township to proceed with the first stages of the planning project even before the signing of the contract with HUD.

Stewart said that he, Mayor Wilbert Smith and Benton township supervisor, Ray Wilder, spent most of the morning showing Fuller around the area. In the afternoon, Stewart and Fuller spent about an hour conferring with attorney Ronald Sondee, who had led the group that prepared the successful model cities application.

The contract will officially release \$93,000 in federal funds for the planning project will take an estimated 10 months.

Meanwhile, the city and township can be considering hiring of personnel to operate the project and establishment of a nine-member community progress planning body.

The model cities area extends from Paw Paw avenue in the city to Euclid avenue in the township. The project will not be executed until after the plan is completed and approved.

Glad She Went

DETROIT (AP) — A 28-year-old Detroit woman who said she didn't really want to go to the Detroit Auto Show to begin with walked away Wednesday with a door prize of a new mink stole. Louise Kelsey said she was convinced by her husband to go to the show. She was given the prize for being the show's 150,000th visitor. Each 50,000th visitor gets his choice of a mink or a color television set.

SUNDAY Square Dance To Benefit Retarded

A benefit square dance will be held Sunday at 6 p.m. at the St. Joseph high school gym, sponsored by the Nutty Squares, a square dance club from Sodas.

The dance is being held to raise funds for the Lakeview-Gard school, St. Joseph, for the mentally retarded, according to Roy Wolfman of the club.

Calling the dance will be Alice and Duane Kuhns, as well as other guest callers.

Proceeds will be used to help purchase equipment for the school that cannot be obtained through regularly allocated funds, such as additional audio visual, gym and playground materials.

NAACP To Elect Officers

The Benton Harbor branch of the NAACP will vote on officers for 1969 at a meeting Sunday, 3 p.m., in Blossom Acres Community center, 1216 Blossom lane.

Members will vote on a slate of nominees for which there are contests for the offices of president and treasurer.

The candidates: President — Will Branscomb and Hershel McKenzie; first vice president — Dr. C. Bassett Brown; second vice president — Webb Griffith; third vice president — Mrs. Arlene Sisson; secretary — Mrs. Mavis Rodgers; treasurer — Hershel McKenzie and Mrs. Ethel Ribera.

ANNOUNCE BIRTH

BLOOMINGDALE — Mr. and Mrs. Charles Effer announce the birth of a daughter, Melody Anne, on Nov. 28, at the Allegan Health Center.

Car Crash Blamed On Deer

John McKie, 31, of 708 North Pike road, Benton Heights, told Berrien county sheriff deputies he lost control of his car early this morning when a deer jumped in front of the car, on Fikes road, one-half mile north of Coloma road, Hagar township.

McKie said he applied the brakes, and the car rolled over. He was treated at Mercy hospital for a cut on the nose and released. Deputies Thomas Yops and Jack Page said the deer was not hit.

A bicyclist, Randall McDaniel, 14, of 655 Lonesome Pine trail, St. Joseph, was treated and released from Memorial hospital last night, after his bicycle was struck by a car driven by Dennis D. Tremblay, 20, of 4021 Kim street, St. Joseph.

Deputies said the bicycle had no reflectors or lights on it, and the driver was unable to see it after dark. The accident occurred on Lincoln avenue, north of Lonesome Pine trail, St. Joseph township.

SOMERLEYTON BRIDGE

Emergency Repairs Nearing Completion

Emergency repairs to the Somerleyton bridge over the St. Joseph river are expected to be completed this weekend with the bridge to be open to full traffic Monday morning or possibly Sunday morning.

Now there is one-way traffic under control of a flagman during the day. At night motorists must wait for the traffic to clear.

Clayton Voss, district highway department engineer, said an expansion dam, a metal plate imbedded in the concrete deck of the bridge, came loose and it was imperative to fix it immediately.

Voss said a similar plate came loose on an interstate bridge some time ago and a car struck it causing it to roll over.

PUT UP BLINKERS

The highway department put up blinkers to warn motorists, Voss said, but did not have time to put up stop and go signals.

The northbound lane is closed. During the day a flagman keeps traffic moving fairly steady. One Koyallon township resident said he has crossed the bridge six times in the past two days since the repairs started and has not been held up.

At night northbound traffic usually can detour around the barricade without difficulty.

As soon as the concrete sets the bridge will be opened, Voss said. This may be as early as Sunday morning. It is virtually certain the blockade will be lifted by Monday, he said.

M-139 traffic is usually heavy but now it also serves as the US-31-33 detour while the Niles avenue bridge over Hickory creek is being replaced.



NEW LOOK AT DRESS MART: Mrs. Beverly Cohn, owner of the Dress Mart Factory outlet store, 341 East Main street, is observing her 20th year in business by holding a grand opening in a new store,

three times as large as the former building. The women's wear shop was founded by Mrs. Cohn and her husband in a garage. Mr. Cohn died in 1965. (Staff photo)

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VAN BUREN TRAFFIC DEATHS AT RECORD HIGH

Charge Is Reduced In Van Buren

Appeals Court Rules Felony Count Too Harsh

PAW PAW — The Michigan Court of Appeals has ordered a new sentence for a Hartford man who was convicted of buying stolen property.

The basis of the appeals court's order involved the estimated value of the stolen item, which was a used three horsepower outboard motor.

Jay McFarland, Hartford, was convicted of the charge by a Van Buren county jury in June, 1966. Two men testified they stole the motor and sold it to McFarland. The man from whom the motor was stolen, Alfred Geik, Sister Lakes, testified at the trial that the motor was "well worth" a hundred dollars.

McFarland was sentenced by Judge David Anderson to pay \$157.50 fine and costs in the case, and placed on one year probation, with the first 60 days of the sentence to be spent in the Van Buren county jail.

McFarland appealed the conviction and the sentence. The main point of the appeal was that the motor was worth less than \$100, which would make the offense a misdemeanor. The jury had returned a verdict of guilty on the basis of the motor being worth more than \$100, which is a felony.

EVIDENCE TOO SKETCHY

In its opinion, the appeals court said there was not enough evidence presented at the trial to warrant a conviction on the felony charge, although the verdict of guilty to the charge of buying stolen property was allowed to stand. The appeals court therefore remanded the case to Judge David Anderson in Van Buren circuit court, with instructions to sentence McFarland on a misdemeanor charge instead of a felony charge.

Assistant prosecuting attorney William Buhl said the misdemeanor charge carries a maximum penalty of \$100 fine and/or 90 days in the county jail.

Buhl said that since the guilty verdict was not overturned, he would probably not appeal the decision further.

Allegan Planners Get Funds

ALLEGAN—A grant of \$28,900 from the Farmers Home Administration was presented yesterday to the Allegan County Planning Commission.

The grant is to be used to develop a county plan for water and sewage treatment. It was presented by Lewis Krause of the Allegan FHA office, to A.H. Hogue, chairman of the county planning commission, and Robert Drew, secretary, both of Fennville.

The planning commission has hired Williams and Works, engineers and planners, of Grand Rapids to make the study of the county's water and sewage treatment needs.

3 Berrien Men Pass State Exams

Three Berrien county men have been granted certified public accountant certificates by the Michigan State Board of Accountancy. They are Richard J. Albert of 820 Broad Street, St. Joseph; Daniel A. Henschele of 1816 Howard Street, Niles; and William A. Seeburger of 420 Lakeshore drive, Stevensville.

Robert M. Reames, secretary of the board of accountancy, said the men received their certificates by having met the educational and experience qualifications of the Michigan Accountancy Law and by having passed the uniform CPA examination which is given in all states.

GUESTS IN LUDINGTON GANGES — Mr. and Mrs. Harold Bartholomew and Mrs. Mary Bartholomew were guests of Mr. and Mrs. M.R. Robinson for the Thanksgiving weekend.

New Court Setup Lowers Towns' Take

By BILL HAMILTON
Paw Paw Bureau

PAW PAW—When the new district court system replaces the justice of the peace system on Jan. 1, villages and cities may find that the income derived from fines paid by law-breakers could be cut as much as two-thirds.

This opinion was expressed by Lewis R. Williams, Jr., one of the two district judges who will preside in Van Buren county.

Williams stressed that any estimate was only guess, until after some experience has been obtained in the workings of the district court. However, because of the way the law directs the allocation of money, local municipalities will no doubt come out with less, he said.

PRESENT SETUP

Under the present system, the justice of the peace gets the "cost" money for cases in his court. The fine money goes

either to the state library fund when a state law is broken or to the municipality when a local law is broken.

The new law changes all this. All district judges are paid directly by the state. The money for operation of the courts, and the money to hire all other workers, must be furnished by the county. For this reason, the legislature set up new patterns for allocating fine and cost money.

Under present law, the cost is regulated, and is usually \$4.30 or \$4.90, which goes to the J.P. Under the new law Jan. 1, the district judge can set costs of any reasonable amount.

For instance, a speeder who appears before a J.P. this month might be fined \$15 plus \$4.90 costs. The same speeder who appears in district court after Jan. 1 might be fined \$15 plus \$15 costs, or any other combination the judge might deem appropriate.

The new district judges will hear cases based on violations of either state law or a municipal law.

When a person is found guilty of violating a state law after Jan. 1, the fine money will go to the state library fund, just as it does now. The cost money, however, will go to the county to help pay for the district courts.

FUNDS SPLIT UP

When a person is found guilty of violating a local municipal law, one-third of the fine money and one-third of the cost money will go to the municipality. The other two-thirds of both the fine and cost will go directly to the county.

This change in procedure could cost cities and villages quite a bit of money. Hartford police chief Jim Smith, for instance, said that the city of Hartford has received about \$2,000 per year income from fines paid by violators. This could be cut more than \$1,000, if estimates are correct.

Only time and experience will tell, however, just how much effect the new system will have on both city and county finances.

Berrien Also Near New Mark

Multiple Death Collisions Help Boost Toll

By EARLE BERRY
State Editor

Van Buren county already has set a record for traffic fatality deaths in one year and Berrien county is well on the way to a new high with four weeks yet to go in 1968.

To date 35 persons have died on Van Buren county highways. That compares with only 19 deaths throughout 1967. The previous high year was 1965 when 27 persons died.

Berrien county has recorded 62 deaths against an all-time record of 68 fatalities recorded in 1941. Last year, Berrien had 65 traffic deaths.

Two other recent years have seen Berrien traffic deaths approach the record set in 1941, the year World War II started. A total of 64 fatalities were recorded in both 1964 and 1965.

PREVIOUS HIGH

The 27 deaths recorded in Van Buren in 1965 was the highest until this year, according to figures secured from State Police headquarters at East Lansing by Sgt. Mel Osment, fifth district safety and traffic officer at Paw Paw.

The only year's to approach the 1965 total were 1952 with 25 fatalities and 1964 and 1960 when 24 persons died in vehicle crashes.

Seven multiple death collisions have helped boost the Van Buren county toll to its unprecedented level this year.

The worst occurred May 4 when a wrong-way driving crash on I-94 claimed five lives. Another crash in Paw Paw on July 7 killed three persons. Double fatality crashes occurred Feb. 22 near Bangor, March 9 near Decatur, April 11 near South Haven, Sept. 30 near Paw Paw and Nov. 24 near South Haven.

BERRIEN COLLISIONS

Berrien county has experienced nine multiple death collisions. The worst occurred Nov. 15 in a two-car collision near Buchanan which killed two persons and eventually claimed the lives of two others.

Three persons were killed in an accident near Niles on March 1.

Double fatalities were recorded March 17 near New Buffalo, May 29 near Benton Harbor, June 2 near St. Joseph, June 23 near Coloma, Sept. 1 in Sodus township, Sept. 14 near Berrien Center and Nov. 1 in Chikaming township.

Man Facing Dirty Film Charge

PAW PAW — A rural Lawton man has been arrested on a charge of possession of obscene films with intent to show them.

Paw Paw state police said Robert L. Motyka, 22, route 1, Lawton, was arrested on a highway near Paw Paw. Troopers said they confiscated eight rolls of movie film, a projector and a screen.

Motyka was arraigned on the charge before Justice C.B. Miller of Paw Paw, and demanded a preliminary examination. He was released on his own recognizance pending the exam.

Decision Due On Contest In Coloma

COLOMA — Members of the Coloma Chamber of Commerce will determine if they will sponsor the 1969 Coloma Blossom Queen contest when they hold a dinner meeting tonight at 6:30 at Wil-O-Paw inn. Wesley B. Exson, chamber president, said the feasibility of continuing sponsorship of the contest has been questioned because of a lack of interest by Chamber of Commerce members and of merchants in chamber activities. Plans for Santa Claus visit to Coloma also will be made at the meeting, Exson said.

Andrews Gets Funds For Vo-Ed Center

Merchant Announces Candidacy

SOUTH HAVEN — Local businessman Alvin Novak, 59, announced his candidacy for first ward alderman yesterday on the Republican ticket.

It will be the second time Novak has sought the job. He was unsuccessful in his attempt against incumbent alderman William McDonald in 1967.

A partner in ownership of N&R store, South Haven, Novak has been active in civic affairs for many years.

He was vice chairman of the redevelopment commission and was active in planning the city's



ALVIN NOVAK

urban renewal plan; was chairman of the retail council of the Chamber of Commerce for 2½ years; and is currently serving as harbor master for the city.

ACTIVE IN COMMUNITY

In addition he has served as chairman of the Community Service Round Table; past director of the Van Buren County Red Cross; director of the South Haven Community Fund; secretary and treasurer of the auxiliary police force; and member of the board of canvassers.

He is a member of the Lions club, the River Bend Boat club, and the First Hebrew Congregation church.

Novak will be seeking the four-year term vacated by retiring alderman Donald McGuire. Other candidates who have announced to date are Richard Lewis, Republican, and Irving Tucker, Democrat, for mayor; incumbent Roscoe Pearson, Democrat, short term, first ward alderman; Tom Renner, Republican, second ward alderman; and incumbent Lester Pond, Republican, third ward alderman.

FAMILY MOVES

GRAND JUNCTION — Mr. and Mrs. James E. Wellington and sons have moved into their new home east of Grand Junction.

\$1,000 Donated By Clark

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Clark Equipment company of Buchanan has donated \$1,000 to Andrews university for the development of its vocational-technical education program.

The money will be used toward establishing a center for vocational and technical studies which will make available education for students who desire technical training for jobs requiring specialized skills outside the framework of academic studies.

In 1967, the university board of trustees authorized the establishment of an advisory council of business and professional men for university development. The first project of the council was to help establish the center for vocational and technical studies.

A 170-acre tract of land was acquired skirting Lemon Creek road and the new center will be constructed on the site.

Vocational training has been an integral part of the education offered at Andrews university since it was founded in 1874 at Battle Creek and moved to Berrien Springs in 1901.

The college offered training in agriculture, applied arts and other phases of vocational education along with a fully-accredited liberal arts curriculum.

For the purpose of giving needy students an opportunity to earn their expenses for education, industries were established which developed into the present book bindery, furniture factory, laundry, printing plant, farm and dairy.

Although the industries provide some vocational training for the students, this is more of a by-product than purpose since most of the students also work on a degree in a liberal arts field.

To meet the needs of a segment of students who desire specific technical and vocational skills, the advisory council was formed.



FOUR LOSE HOME: Fireman pours water on wreckage of Lakeside house destroyed by fire yesterday. Mrs. Caroline Mistretta and three daughters lost all possessions except clothes they were wearing in the blaze. New Buffalo Area Clearing Bureau and Red Cross relocated the family in a New Buffalo apartment. (Don Wehner photo)

Lakeside House Fire Dispossesses Family

LAKESIDE — A Lakeside woman and her three daughters lost everything they owned except the clothes they were wearing when fire destroyed their home Wednesday morning.

New Buffalo state police said Mrs. Caroline Mistretta had left the house she was renting at 15157 Lakeside road, Lakeside, at 8:45 a.m. to go to Benton Harbor. Her three children were in school. Troopers said the fire call came in at 10:48 a.m.

Firemen from the Lakeside, New Buffalo township and New Buffalo city fire departments answered the call and fought the blaze for several hours. But the house burned to the ground.

The house was owned by Robert Grahl of Chicago who also maintains a summer residence in New Buffalo.

Firemen said the fire was apparently caused by an overheated space heater. Lakeside firemen also said they had been called to the same house six weeks ago when a space heater overheated, but there was no fire the first time.

Mrs. Mistretta told state police she had recently purchased new furniture and that she had several mink coats in the house, but she did not have insurance.

The Red Cross and the Clear-

ing Bureau in New Buffalo are assisting Mrs. Mistretta and her daughters, Jody, 14, Roberta, 7, and Carol, 6.

Anyone wishing to donate food, clothing or money is asked to call Don Wehner of the Clearing Bureau at 469-1614.

Trailer Permit Setup Changed In Weesaw

NEW TROY — Acting on a request by the township zoning board, the Weesaw township board last night voted to make house trailer permit renewals due on Jan. 15 of each year.

The permits for the house trailers in the past were due for renewal at various times during the year, depending on when owners moved into the township.

The zoning board requested the township board to take the action to facilitate the handling of the permits.

In other business, the board requested Clerk John Payne to write a letter to the local TOPS club thanking the club for the 16 chairs they donated for use in the township hall. Board members said these chairs are to be kept in the hall and are not to be loaned for any other use.

The board reappointed the following members to the township board of review: Paul Luther, Herman Gnodtke and Joe Woods.

It was announced the Weesaw township dump will be open every day of the week until the end of May in 1969. After May the dump will be open only on Fridays and Saturdays.

Bills totaling \$4,084.71 were paid.

South Haven Twp. Officials Reappointed

SOUTH HAVEN — The South Haven township board last night re-appointed Harvey Hollins, Sr., Leonard Markstrom and Mrs. Lillian Popp to new two-year terms on the board of review, effective Jan. 1.

The board also voted to purchase two new tables at an estimated cost of \$70, for the township hall, and a used desk from S. E. Overton Co. for \$15.

James Schnacke, former township supervisor, asked about the city's proposed paving project at the west end of Aylworth avenue. He said he understood that pressure was being put on the township to help pay for this project and told the board that the State Highway department has made it clear that the work was solely the city's responsibility.

Township Clerk Herbert Lang said the board has never been approached by the city council to assist in the project.

Trustee Donald Getman presided at the meeting in the absence of Supervisor Richard Bus, who was attending a county meeting at Paw Paw.

Van Buren Supervisors Form Township Club

PAW PAW — Van Buren county township supervisors last night took preliminary steps toward forming a county association of township officers.

The main speaker at the meeting was Joseph Parisi, Jr., executive director of the Michigan Township Association. Covert township Supervisor Jerry Sarno, leader of the movement to form a local association, was elected temporary chairman of the group pending election of regular officers.

WHY NEEDED

Parisi told the supervisors that when the new county supervisors take over on Jan. 1, all lines of communication between county government and local units of government (cities, townships, and villages), would come to an end. Only by forming an association, he said, can local officials keep track of county government and form a liaison between the supervisors.

He said the local government can be as good or as bad as the local officials make it. In order to preserve local government at the village and township level, he said, it will be necessary for

people at the grass roots level to organize themselves into groups to let the state and

national officials know their opinions.

Parisi told the group that a bill will be introduced to call the new county supervisors by a new name, such as commissioners, freeholders or managers. This will help distinguish between them and the township supervisors, he said.

COMMON PROBLEMS

Sarno urged that all township officers, including clerks, treasurers, and trustees, join the township association. In addition, cities and villages will be encouraged to have officials join the group as associate members, so that the townships and cities can work together on common problems that may arise within the county, such as road problems.

The next meeting of the group will be in about two weeks, at which time permanent officers will be elected.

HOME FROM VACATION

GRAND JUNCTION — Mr. and Mrs. David Moony have returned from a vacation during which they visited their daughter, Wilma, in Florida, and another daughter, Carole, in California.



JOSEPH PARISI, JR.
Urges Township Organization